Alleged serving of human flesh in Kanpur hotels

777. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news paper reports to the effect that human flesh is being served in some hotels in Kanpur;

(b) whether investigation by the CBI has been initiated and whether a *prima-facie* case has been established into the incident; and

(c) whether child lifting gangs have been selling minor boys to hotel establishment in Kanpur, if so, whether the culprits have been apprehended and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government have seen the press report. A factual report has been called from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh who are primarily concerned. The question of CBI taking up investigation into this case would arise only after the factual report is available.

Rail disaster averted near Dappar railway station under Ambala Division

778. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a rail disaster was averted by a cowherd boy near Dappar railway station track under Ambala Division sometime in the last week of March, 1988 by pulling out a mine;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to give any national award to the boy for his bravery and presence of mind in averting a disaster; if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Railways have informed that on 1-4-1988, Shri Rajender, a cowherd boy of village Bher Majra, P.S. Lalru, removed two suspicious objects from the track at Km. 221|4-5 in Dappar-Ghagghar *block section (between Ambala and* Chandigarh) of Ambala Division at 7.50 hrs. He informed the Patrolman Shri Hari Prasad who, in turn, conveyed the information to S.M. Dappar. The objects were examined and found to be non-explosive.

(c) It is for the concerned State Government to make suitable recommendation for the grant of any award if they feel that the act is worthy of recognition.

Ban on communal parties

779. *DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:*
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban communal parties with a view to separating religion from politics; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) This aspect is under consideration in the context of separating religion from politics. It being a sensitive matter, the Government is considering this matter in depth from

various angles. It would not be feasible at this stage to indicate any details thereof or the time frame by which a final decision can be taken to introduce the Bill in Parliament.

Vacant posts in Municipal Press of MCD, Delhi

780. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Questions 1708 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1987 and 1060 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th November, 1987 regarding filling up of vacant posts of Copy Holders and Machine Inkers in Municipal Press, M.C.D. Delhi and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the interviews/tests of all the said nine posts have since been completed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the reserved category of post of Copy Holder, the genuine claimant has been ignored and against this reserved post meant for Scheduled Tribe, candidate belonging to general category has been considered;

(c) if so, whether it is a case of violation of Government rules; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what further action had been taken by the Municipal authorities to fill up the said reserved post through/ Scheduled Tribe candidate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Out of the candidates who appeared for interview, only one Scheduled Tribe candidate came but he could not qualify the test. To fill up the post reserved for S.T., Employment Exchange will be asked to sponsor suitable candidate.

Ban on sale of the book entitled 'Spy catcher"

781. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned the sale in India of the book "Spycatcher" by former British M15 officer, Peter Wright;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this step has been taken at the instance of the British Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

National Anthem

782. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to change the National Anthem; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor together with the details of the new National Anthem?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Target set for extending loans by the Canara Bank in Orissa

783. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target set by the Canara Bank for giving loans to its beneficiaries in Orissa during the year 1987; and